

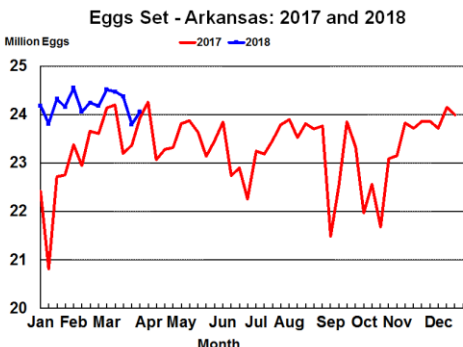
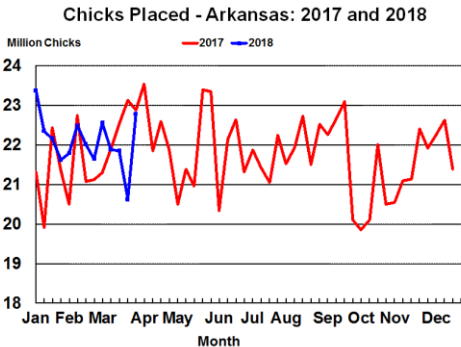


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Chick Placements Down Slightly from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.8 million during the week ending March 31, 2018. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 2017 but up 10 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 31, 2018, up 1 percent from the same period last year and up 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed - 19 Major States by Week: March 3, 2018 - March 31, 2018

| State | Eggs Set | | | | | Chicks Placed | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Week Ending | | | | | Week Ending | | | | |
| | 3-Mar | 10-Mar | 17-Mar | 24-Mar | 31-Mar | 3-Mar | 10-Mar | 17-Mar | 24-Mar | 31-Mar |
| | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 eggs) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) | (1,000 chicks) |
| Alabama | 29,943 | 29,359 | 29,381 | 29,895 | 29,671 | 21,964 | 22,678 | 22,440 | 22,003 | 21,991 |
| Arkansas | 24,513 | 24,468 | 24,375 | 23,796 | 24,054 | 22,550 | 21,872 | 21,850 | 20,627 | 22,781 |
| Delaware | 5,083 | 5,033 | 5,310 | 5,215 | 5,190 | 6,279 | 5,829 | 6,185 | 5,207 | 5,004 |
| Florida | 1,219 | 1,222 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,268 | 1,474 | 1,295 | 1,360 | 1,327 |
| Georgia | 35,165 | 35,062 | 35,035 | 35,056 | 35,213 | 27,712 | 26,626 | 27,774 | 27,966 | 27,097 |
| Kentucky | 7,602 | 7,714 | 7,593 | 7,790 | 7,834 | 6,327 | 6,409 | 5,853 | 5,700 | 5,577 |
| Louisiana | 3,621 | 3,621 | 3,651 | 3,500 | 3,591 | 2,999 | 3,003 | 2,764 | 2,970 | 2,942 |
| Maryland | 8,226 | 8,226 | 8,235 | 8,242 | 8,245 | 5,599 | 6,262 | 6,222 | 6,103 | 6,271 |
| Mississippi | 18,559 | 18,470 | 18,101 | 18,577 | 18,457 | 15,520 | 15,277 | 15,187 | 15,248 | 15,270 |
| Missouri | 8,027 | 8,071 | 8,138 | 7,987 | 7,934 | 5,707 | 5,791 | 5,917 | 6,440 | 5,569 |
| N. Carolina | 22,864 | 22,687 | 22,573 | 22,746 | 22,648 | 16,700 | 16,888 | 17,756 | 18,261 | 18,152 |
| Oklahoma | 7,480 | 7,561 | 7,498 | 7,314 | 7,292 | 3,304 | 3,871 | 3,987 | 4,987 | 3,780 |
| Pennsylvania | 5,249 | 5,332 | 5,487 | 5,519 | 5,494 | 3,934 | 4,098 | 3,951 | 3,844 | 3,879 |
| S. Carolina | 5,681 | 5,662 | 5,597 | 5,846 | 5,485 | 4,458 | 5,572 | 4,750 | 4,896 | 4,964 |
| Texas | 16,192 | 16,206 | 16,304 | 15,986 | 16,239 | 13,457 | 13,112 | 13,112 | 13,110 | 13,136 |
| Virginia | 6,537 | 6,668 | 6,620 | 6,168 | 6,381 | 5,074 | 5,783 | 5,008 | 5,671 | 5,915 |
| CA,TN & WV | 12,670 | 12,517 | 12,770 | 12,455 | 12,742 | 10,031 | 10,946 | 10,708 | 11,223 | 11,176 |
| Other States | 9,282 | 9,690 | 9,586 | 9,397 | 9,452 | 6,908 | 7,278 | 7,342 | 7,272 | 7,496 |
| U.S. Total | 227,913 | 227,569 | 227,479 | 226,714 | 227,147 | 180,974 | 182,987 | 182,336 | 183,025 | 182,846 |
| % of Prev. Year | 102 | 102 | 102 | 102 | 102 | 101 | 101 | 101 | 101 | 101 |

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 227 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 31, 2018, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.



Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 183 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 31, 2018, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through March 31, 2018 for the United States were 2.36 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.


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